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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge having considered and made of record the five (5) references cited by Applicants in the supplemental information disclosure which was a part of Applicants' response dated March 16, 1998. In that response, Applicants submitted a Form PTO1449 which was dated March 16, 1998 and which listed the five (5) cited references. Applicants also submitted copies of the five (5) references along with the response dated Mar ch 16, 1998. Evidence of the receipt by the USPTO of the copies of the references and of the Form PTO1449 dated March 16, 1998 is provided by the copy of date stamped return-receipt postcard which is submitted herewith.

Applicants submit herewith a replacement copy of the Form PTO1449 dated March 16, 1998 and ask that the Examiner acknowledge having considered and made of record the listed references by initialling next to each listed reference and returning a copy of the intialled Form PTO 1449 to Applicants.

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Respectfully submitted

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